



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	DeVore, et al.)	Group Art Unit 3731
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Appl. No.	:	10/081,712)	
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Filed	:	February 21, 2002)	
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For	:	INTRABRONCHIAL OBSTRUCTING DEVICE THAT CONTROLS BIOLOGICAL INTERACTION WITH THE PATIENT)	
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Examiner	:	Dawson, Glenn K.)	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 21, 2004, Applicant elects the invention identified by the Examiner as Group II, corresponding to Claims 23-34, drawn to a method of reducing the size of a lung. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants also respectfully request examination on the merits of new Claims 36-43, which are added in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that examination of these additional claims would present no serious burden.

Respectfully submitted,
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